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Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1894 (LVII), requested the Secretary-General to submit, at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session, and to indicate the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

2. In its resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to it for its review in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies, and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

3. In its resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of its work, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the documentation and programme of work of its subsidiary bodies should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them.

4. The draft provisional agenda will be modified at the present session in the light of resolutions and decisions adopted and requests made by the Commission during the present session, and will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for review in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41.

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5. The draft provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

(a) Social statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Poverty statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Washington Group on Disability Measurement;

Documentation

Report of the Washington Group

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts

(b) Energy statistics (programme review);

Documentation

Report of the programme reviewer

(c) Statistics of international trade in services;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(d) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(e) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group

(f) Inter-secretariat Working Group on Price Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

5. Natural resources and environment statistics:

(a) Environment statistics and environmental accounting.

Documentation

Report of the Inter-agency Working Group on Environment Statistics

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21)

(d) Statistics of human development;

Documentation

Report by the United Nations Development Programme

(e) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

Documentation

Report by the Task-Force to establish Standards on Data and Metadata Exchange

(f) Definition and measurement of the so-called information society;

(g) Dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(i) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(j) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the work programme of the Division

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.

6. The Secretariat, in consultation with the officers of the Commission, will make a proposal to the Commission concerning the dates of the thirty-sixth session.